Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Pakistanis have been apprehended while indulging in terrorism alongwith the Pak-trained Indian extremist; and

(b) if so, what is their exact number and what action is being taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU) : (a) and (b) According to information available, some persons, includig Pak-nationals, had been apprehended by the security forces while they were attempting to cross over into India and have been handed over to the authorities concerned for taking appropriate action.

Allegations of ENLF against joint move of CIA and Mossad to drive Tamils out of Sri Lanka

1951. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government,s attention has been drawn to the complaint of spokesmen of the Eelam National Liberation Front (ENLF) that there is a joint move by the C.I.A. and the Mossad to drive out Tamils from Sri Lanka ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government,s reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI B. R. BHAGAT) : (a) Govt. are aware of complaints by the ENLF reagrding the presence of Mossad and C.I.A. in Sri Lanka. Govt. have however not seen any complaint by the ENLF spokesman specifically charging that there is a joint move by the C.I.A. and the Mossad to drive out Tamils from Sri Lanka.

(b) The question of Government's reactions thereto does not arise. Govt. views with concern the presence and activities of foreign intelligence agencies in countries close to out borders. Government have continued to stress that there can be no military solution to Sri Lanka ethnic problem and to urge that a negotiated agreement be reached enabling Sri Lanka Tamils to live in safety and security as equal citizens.

Plantation of fuel wood

1952. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government initiated social forestry including rural fuel wood plantation during the Sixth Plan ;

(b) if so, the names of fuel wood deficit districts in each State and Union Territory during the Sixth Plan ; and

(c) the total hectare of fuel wood plantation raised in each district during the Sixth Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) Yeas, Sir,

(b) List of districts is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXXXVI, Annexure No. 36.]

(c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the table of the Sabha.

Setting up of electronic units

1953. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are contemplating to setup electronic units

in the hilly and backward areas of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names of hilly areas which are proposed to be identified for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) : Union Government does not have specific plans to set up electronic units in the hilly and backward areas. However, the concerned State Governments take steps to get electronic units in their hilly areas. The DOE gives them technical advice. Government's Electronics policy permits location of electronics industry in any permissible area. This policy is uniform for all State. It is left to the State Governments to create local climate so as to attract enterpreneurs and take other promotional measures. With a view to encourage more Electronic industries in Hill districts included in Category 'A' it has also been decided that the maximum ceiling of Central Investment subsidy would be raised from Rs. 25 lakhs to Rs. 50 lakhs at the rate of 25% in case of Electronic industries set up in 'Special Region District's in Category 'A'.

समुद्र विज्ञान के लिए प्रौद्योगिकीय संस्थान

1954. **श्री रामचन्द्र विकल** : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार समुद्री खोज और विकास के लिए समुद्रीविज्ञान प्रौद्योगिकीय संस्थान स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संस्थान के केन्द्रों की किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थापना किए जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) क्या इस कार्यक्रम के लिए स्वदेशी प्रौद्योगिकी की मदद से अनुसंधान पोत के निर्माण का प्रस्ताव है अथवा उसे किसी अन्य देश से मंगवाए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसकी लागत क्या होगी ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलैक्ट्रानिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Ocean exploration

1955. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have formulated plan for ocean exploration during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIV RAJ PATIL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) After detailed survey and exploration work in the Central Indian Ocean has identified two mine sites, each of approximately 150,000 square kilometres. India had filed an application with the Preparatory Commission of the International Seabed Authority for registration and allotment of one of the two sites. More extensive survey and exploration are contemplated during the Seventh Five Year Plan at lesser grid spaces for refinding the coordinates of the mine sites and ultimately to delineate the potential eco-